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ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE TO OAU

(S/S NO. 7610336)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

1. THE PROBLEM.

MAY 25 IS THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, CURRENTLY HEADED BY PRESIDENT IDI AMIN OF UGANDA. TRADITIONALLY A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE OAU CHAIRMAN.

2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS.

FOLLOWING YOUR VISIT TO AFRICA AND THE POLICY INITIATIVES YOU OUTLINED THERE AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THIS YEAR. AS WE DO NOT HAVE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISSION IN KAMPALA THE PROPOSED MESSAGE WOULD BE DELIVERED

BY OUR MISSION IN ADDIS ABABA TO OAU SECRETARY GENERAL

WILLIAM ETEKI FOR DISPATCH TO AMIN. WHILE WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT HERE, THE OAU SECRETARIAT NORMALLY WOULD DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE 48 MEMBER STATES OF THE OAU AND AMIN LIKELY WOULD RELEASE THE TEXT IN KAMPALA WITH COMMENTS APPROPRIATE TO HIS MOOD AT THE TIME.

3. PROPOSED MESSAGE:

BEGIN QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY IDI AMIN DADA, CHAIRMAN,
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ITS GOVERNMENT I AM PLEASED TO SEND TO YOU, AND TO THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERS OF THE MEMBER STATES, OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS. I ALSO WISH TO EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES AND TO PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT FOR AFRICA'S SUCCESS IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE IMPORTANT GOALS OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, RACIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT.

OUR FUNDAMENTAL CONVICTION THAT THE FULFILLMENT OF AFRICA'S DESTINY IS POSSIBLE ONLY IF SHAPED BY AFRICANS WAS STRENGTHENED DURING MY RECENT JOURNEY TO THE CONTINENT. AS I MADE CLEAR, THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO WORK COOPERATIVELY AND EARNESTLY WITH AFRICAN NATIONS TO ASSIST THEM IN PERFECTING AND PROTECTING THEIR INDEPENDENCE, IN IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES AND IN HELPING TO BRING ABOUT A RAPID AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

AS A YEAR OF CHALLENGE LOOMS AHEAD WE LOOK FORWARD TO A STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES -- KNOWING THAT WE SHARE THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL GOALS FOR AFRICA.

HENRY A. KISSINGER END QUOTE
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4. RECOMMENDATION; THAT YOU APPROVE THE PROPOSED MESSAGE FOR DELIVERY TO CHAIRMAN AMIN VIA THE OAU SECRETARIAT.

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